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JIM RIZZUTO RETIREMENT FROM
OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Otero Junior College (OJC) President Jim Rizzuto in La Junta, Colorado.

Mr. Rizzuto will be retiring after serving over 17 years as the president of OJC. Under his leadership, OJC has achieved numerous milestones including becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution and being awarded several million dollars in grants in areas such as STEM, affordable housing, business, healthcare, and various technical training programs. During his tenure, OJC also built many four-year degree partnerships to increase transfer opportunities for students and became one of the first rural community colleges in Colorado to develop online and hybrid courses.

It is also important to acknowledge Mr. Rizzuto's years of service, not only in higher education, but in the public sector as well. Previously he had served in the Colorado State Senate for 16 years, 12 of those years on the Joint Budget Committee. As a state senator, Mr. Rizzuto worked extensively on education policy and was a strong supporter of the community college system. For his efforts, Mr. Rizzuto was given honors such as induction into the Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System Alumni Hall of Fame and was named "Legislator of the Year" by 12 different organizations during his political tenure.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I applaud Mr. Rizzuto for his career of service, and thank him for leaving a lasting legacy at Otero Junior College. It is an honor to celebrate his impact on our community and state, and I wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday I missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 269—YES; and Roll Call No. 270—YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2018, I was unavoidably detained due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 277 and YEA on Roll Call 278.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MINOR J. ALLEN,
SR., OUTSTANDING BUSINESS-
MAN AND SOCIAL/POLITICAL AC-
TIVIST

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, having grown up in the state of Arkansas, when I meet people from Arkansas I am generally glad to meet them, when I discovered that Mr. Minor Allen was from Blytheville I was ecstatic and we became great friends and we often would talk about Harrison High School. In addition to having a wonderful family and being a great friend, he was one of the smoothest and greatest business people that I have ever known. He exuded friendship and was as much of a social activist as I have known. I did not know that he was so closely connected to Bishop Willie James Campbell and his family. Bishop Campbell preached my ordination service when I became a deacon at a Baptist church (smile). Mr. Minor Allen was a true servant of God and of the people. May he continue to rest in peace. He and Bishop Campbell must have been cut from the same cloth, both are great humanitarians.

WELD COUNTY FAIR

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Weld County Fair. Growing as an annual event since 1918, the Weld County Fair has fulfilled its mission well, which states in part that the fair serves as a source of community pride among county residents by providing an educational showcase for 4-H and FFA members, members of other youth groups, and residents to exhibit their accomplishments in the areas of agriculture, general and natural sciences, family consumer sciences, and county projects.

The Weld County Fair is supported by countless businesses and local organizations that recognize the profound impact the fair has, not only on the participants and families, but on the community and the economy as a whole. Weld County is the largest Agricultural producing county in the state and ranks among the highest in the country. It is imperative that the young people of today have a greater understanding of the role of agriculture and the economy in day-to-day life.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I applaud the Weld County Fair for the dedication to preserving the rich history of Weld County. We look forward to their success as they keep this important tradition alive. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to celebrate the centennial celebration of the Weld County Fair.

CONGRATULATING THE LIBERTY
LADY PANTHERS FOR THEIR
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Liberty Lady Panther Softball Team for winning the 2018 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 4A High School Softball State Championship. This is the first championship for girl's athletics at Liberty High School.

The Lady Panthers amassed a record of 31–14 during their historic season with playoff wins against: Houston Yates, Bridge City, Hudson, Robinson, Lorena, and Beeville A.C. Jones high schools. On June 2, 2018, the Lady Panthers defeated the Vernon Lady Lions by a score of 3–1 at the University of Texas' McCombs Field. Coaching, preparation, calm under pressure, and teamwork propelled the Lady Panthers to victory.

Four players were named to the All-Tournament Team: Jaylen Prichard, Baylee Chandler, Mikaelah Burkland, and Abby Phillips. Kaci West was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Jaylen Prichard, Baylee Chandler, and Kaci West were also named to the All-State Team. These young ladies have shown incredible persistence, hard work, passion and commitment to accomplish this feat. I applaud each and every one of them.

I would like to personally recognize each student and their coaches. Players: Jo McGinnis, Jaylen Prichard, Karli Beam, Baylee Chandler, Sarah Lopez, Kara Cannon, Harley Davis, Abby Phillips, Kaci West, Mikaelah Burkland, Bailey Webb, Kennedy Evans, Kamryn Turner, Abbie Knepper, and Molly Barnette. Head Coach: Karen Slack. Assistant Coaches: Joe Slack and Katherine McAdams. Manager: Claire Bond. Trainer: Tish Hooper. Athletic Director: Chad Taylor. Principal: Dr. Chad Barrett. Superintendent: Dr. Cody Abshier.

I wish each one of them continued success on and off the softball field. Go Lady Panthers.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 FAIRFAX
COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DE-
PARTMENT VALOR AWARD RE-
CIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 40th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's